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Sapar is a Hebrew word with the basic meaning of 'count' or 'recount.' Nouns related to this verb translate as 'writing,' 'book,' 'scribe,' 'census,' and 'number.'

Sapar, when in the Piel stem, expresses the sense of 'tell,' 'declare,' or 'show forth.'

Psalm 78 begins with directions to fathers to instruct their children who will, in turn, "tell the next generation [of] the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord."

Believers are to declare those miracles and wonderful works which have been done by the God who delivers them (Psalm 9:1, 73:28, Jeremiah 51:10).

We are to declare His name (Psalm 102:21).

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Servants of the Holy! What a theme for a seminary yearbook. What a goal for a seminary graduate. What a tribute to a seminarian in ministry.

I wonder if I have actually seen any. How would I recognize one if we ever met? If that were really my goal, what would that commitment involve?

When Uziah died, in spite of the shame of his later years, it was a time of national mourning. After all, he had reigned for fifty-two years, and had been one of the better kings of Judah. Isaiah went down to the temple, I suppose looking for consolation in a time of personal and national grief. He got more than he bargained for.

He received a glimpse into the throne room of heaven, saw the Lord enthroned, and heard the angelic chorus, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty." His response isolates three distinguishing marks of this vanishing breed today.

They fear God. Remember his conflicting emotions? He was drawn to God, yet at the same time, stepping back, He had an overwhelming sense of creatureliness. He stood in awe of God. That's it - the fear of the Lord. Someone has said, "There is no greater need today than for those called to lead the church to once again ascend the platform of fearing God." It will mark you out!

They flee sin. This will mark you out too. Robert Murray McCheyne was 27 years old when he wrote these words of encouragement to a newly ordained missionary friend.

How diligently the calvary officer keeps his sabre clean and sharp, every stain he rubs off with the greatest care. Remember you are God's sword - His instrument; I trust a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name.

In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses as much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy ministry is an awful weapon in the hand of God.

Oswald Sanders writes: "There is no such thing as cheap fruitful ministry." The cost is always a holy life.

They follow the Lord obediently. "Here am I, send me!" The word of a servant.

Everything God has been doing this year has been calculated to cultivate these distinctives in our lives. Nothing has been superfluous. Everything has been purposeful. Small steps have been taken. Yet for each of us, the journey seems only to have begun.

The world is in desperate need of such men and women - Servants of the Holy. What a privilege. What a prospect. What an "awful weapon in the hand of God." My earnest prayer for each of you, as for myself, is that we may be such men and women for His greater glory, others' greater blessing, and our greater joy.

by DR. WILLIAM McRAE



SERVANTS OF THE HOLY

I have been asked to write a few words on how the Seminary community might fulfil this role.

Perhaps first of all those of us who are faculty need to look at ourselves in this regard. We need to be models as well as teachers. There has to be the evidence that we serve God out of love, and not out of fear. We have struck no bargains with God. God is reality and truth, and his love is beyond telling, therefore even though he should bring us very low we will go on lovingly doing his will. Since love never seeks its own, we have to serve God with humility. What an enemy to humility the academic life can be! But the true servant delights to be as his Lord, who did not even open his mouth to deliver himself. And when we are humble we can be vulnerable. Since we are not trying to create impressions, we can let people see exactly what we are. At the same time because Jesus has conquered we serve with an attitude of expectancy. And as Servants of the Holy One, we want in all things to be ruled by his Word and Spirit.

All that has been written above applies to the students in OTS as well. But perhaps there are a few distinctive matters. Theological students as servants of God need to work hard without competitiveness. We have to avoid elitism built on appearance, education, ability, gift, sophistication or wealth like the plague. We are here to build one another up. And as we come to graduation we give ourselves - and our spouses and families if such we have - to serve God however he directs in whatever place, among whatever people, and at whatever salary.

by DR. IAN S. RENNIE

DEAN'S MESSAGE



A Servant of the Holy is one who has reverent obedience to His divine Master. He seeks always to be attentive to every directive that comes from Him. His service is willingly and lovingly performed as an offering to the Holy One.

by DR. WILLIAM FOSTER

To be God's servant is to have significance in God's sovereign plan for the world, a significance that is based not on the values of this world but on the inexplicable calling of a mere sinner by the Holy God.

To be God's servant means that my calling is not to be served by others, nor simply to please others, but rather to serve others as a finite expression of God's infinite love for them.

To be God's servant requires a persevering commitment to the way of the cross--a willingness to endure hardship in order to achieve God's purposes and a willingness to even be deeply hurt by those who do not understand or who stand in opposition.

To be God's servant means that since my greatest satisfaction will be to some day hear His "well done," then I must actively pursue growth in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ, for it is to Him that I am accountable and only by His enablement that I can fulfill my role.

And finally, to be God's servant involves the privilege of personal intimacy with God. He calls each of His servants not simply to obey Him as Lord, but to relate to Him as a friend and to work with Him as a co-worker.

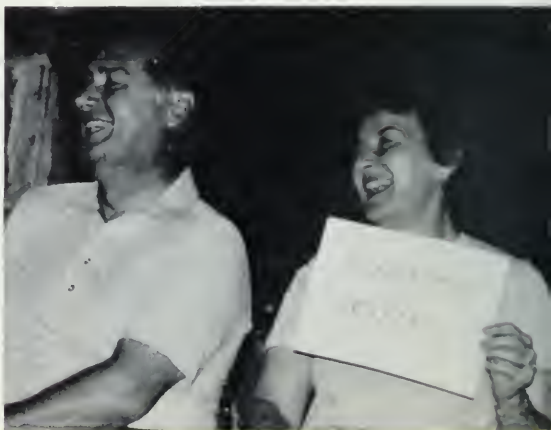
by JAMES R. JOHNSON



TO SERVE THE HOLY

An aimless existence is a sure sign of ignorance or defiance regarding the goal of life revealed in Scripture. We are meant to live for the glory of the holy God who made and who remakes us in His image. Encountering Him, we become aware of personal inadequacy and moral failure. We simply do not qualify to be His fellow-workers. Yet the wonder of grace is that the Lord who enlists also equips us to serve Him. "He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant...our competence comes from God" (II Cor. 3:5-6).

by DR. MARIANO DIGANGI





He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6v8

Submitted by DR. DOUGLAS WEBSTER



Service in the kingdom of God is the outflow of character. Morally, a Christian is called to holiness; dynamically he is called to serve.

by DR. DONALD A. LEGGETT

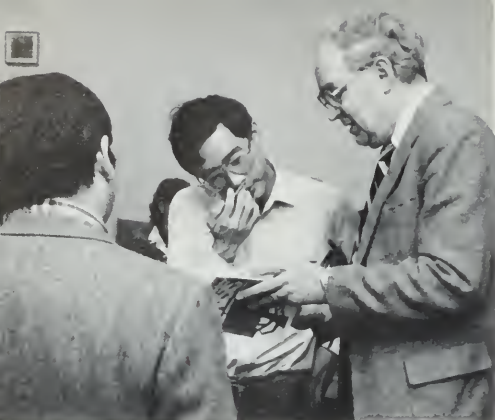


A Servant of the Holy seeks to optimize his life skills so that he can be most useful in furthering the Lord's kingdom here on earth. I consider myself privileged to be here at OBC/OTS using some of the rough and ready skills I learned trying to think and work Christianly in business. I pray these skills will help prepare students for the real world. Far too many Bible College and Seminary graduates are "Cream Puff" Christians who have been trained to fit harmoniously into the world's (and especially Christianity's) power structures.

by RAY BINKLEY



FACULTY



What does it mean to be a Servant of the Holy? It is a great privilege.

God speaks of my servant Abraham, my servant Moses, my servant Joseph. It means setting aside our own agenda to conform to the plan God has for using us.

The yoke is easy and the burden is light.

by DR. DAN P. KELLY



Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish his work." (John 4:34) Service to the Holy sustains the Christian. A Servant of the Holy cannot pick and choose the nature of his or her ministry, that decision is up to the Father. We can only accept the decision and make it our raison d'être.

by REV. KEVIN QUAST

We are called to be servants of the Servant, humbly seeking God's kingdom of righteousness throughout the good creation.

In marriage we show faithfulness.

In politics we do justice.

In economics we practice stewardship.

In education we seek wisdom.

Everywhere we demonstrate love for the Holy One and for people created in God's image. However, we can be servants only by grace, in faith, through the Spirit of love and peace (cf. Romans 11:36-12:2).

by GERALD VANDEZANDE



In this culture you assess power and authority by the number of people who 'work for you.' Jesus, in His typical anti-culture framework, indicated that being a servant was best assessed by how many people 'you work for.' For me, being a servant means a Christ-like approach to leadership and authority.

by DR. ROD WILSON





To be a **Servant of the Holy** means that I've been entrusted with the responsibility of furthering the kingdom and serving as an accountable steward during my brief stay on planet earth.

by DR. JOHN WILKINSON



We are **Servants of the Holy** when our lives have been so changed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ that our chief desire in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever and our only comfort in life and in death is to know that we belong not to ourselves but to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

by REV. JOHN VISSERS

Ours is a loving servitude, like branches to the vine, we are joined to Him in a loving expression of His life. This means that we must be holy for He is holy.

by DR. HAROLD BURCHETT



FACULTY

Faculty featured
elsewhere :

DR. WILLIAM McRAE

DR. IAN RENNIE

DR. ROY MATHESON

SECRETARIES

They're marvellous!
How would we have coped
without

Linda Boswell

Charlene Martin

Mary Unger





Part-timers are students of the OTS community who are taking fewer than three courses per semester. We want to dedicate this page to them, acknowledging their service in churches, parachurch organizations, the workplace and the home, as well as their contribution to the life of the Seminary. A list of part-time students for the 1985-86 academic year is provided in the section **GREETINGS** and thOTS beginning on page 83.



PART-TIMERS





SERVANTS OF THE HOLY

Chuck Swindoll confesses in one of his books that the mental image of servanthood used to turn him off completely. He pictured a human mule, who sighs, shuffles and trudges down the long rows of life - a pathetic creature without any will or purpose.

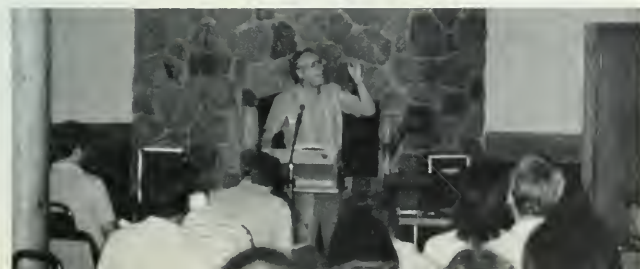
The New Testament corrects this distortion and models true servanthood for us as we study the life of our Lord. The story of the footwashing in John 13 is especially applicable as Jesus leaves his place at the supper, takes a basin of water and a towel and washes the dusty feet of the disciples. Contained in the narrative are several principles that sharpen up the concept of servanthood.

A **Servant of the Holy** is one who is sensitive to God's timing. "Jesus knew that his time had come," and acted accordingly. He neither plunged in impulsively ahead of God nor was he inhibited and lagged behind in achieving God's will. As a **Servant of the Holy** God he had come from God and was returning to God (vs. 2). This sense of identity and mission is important for us or we may soon become doormats responding to the varied whims of everyone around us.

The servant of God is often misunderstood, just as Jesus in this chapter when confronting Simon Peter. "You do not understand this act now," Jesus explains, "But later on you will." The servant of God completes his mission and then resumes his place.

We can do no less. He tells his followers that in acting out this parable he has left us an example to minister in a similar fashion. May God give to all of us a desire to imitate Christ by joining the Royal Order of the Towel.

by DR. ROY R. MATHESON



Muskoka Woods Conference Grounds **September 6, 7, 8, 1985** **FALL RETREAT**



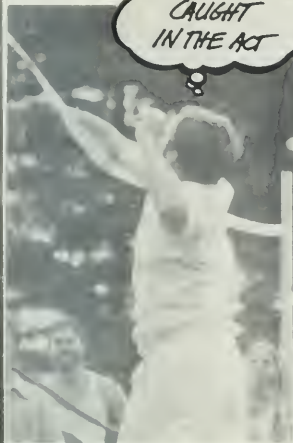
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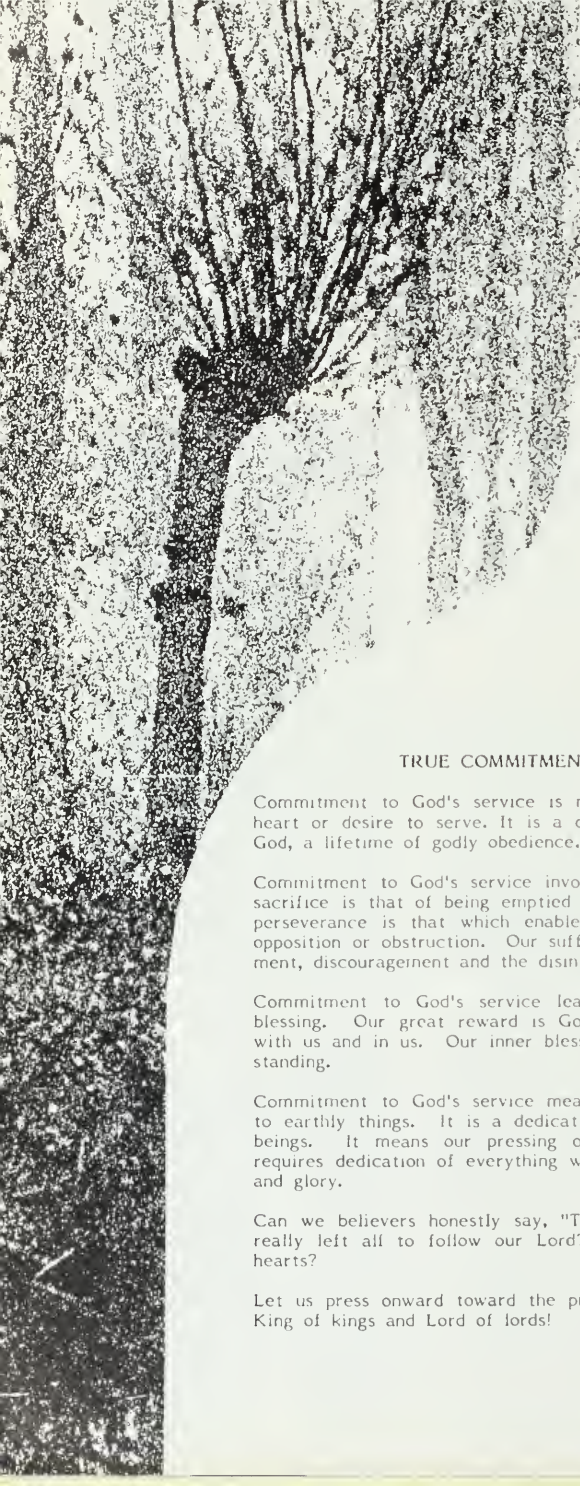


WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS!



CAUGHT
IN THE ACT





REACHING OUT TO YOU

I wonder if I looked inside you
Could I see my Saviour looking back?
Would I be willing to see you as special,
A child of God.

When I look at your outside
Your ugliness is so clear to me
I am afraid of you. I pity you.
I feel guilty because you live and exist --
You are the homeless.
You are the beaten child,
and you are the beating parent
You are the prostitute and the pimp.

But if I looked into your eyes
would I see my brother and sister?
Someone deserving my respect,
Someone who could give to me?

If you ask me, "Who is poor?"
I will point to myself.
I am poor living a middle class life,
Living with Christian answers
that may indeed be right,
(God, I pray they are!)
But unwilling to really live them out.

by MARK GEDCKE

TRUE COMMITMENT AS SERVANTS OF THE HOLY

Commitment to God's service is more than expression of interest, willingness of heart or desire to serve. It is a deep, heart-felt conviction, a total surrender to God, a lifetime of godly obedience.

Commitment to God's service involves sacrifice, perseverance and suffering. Our sacrifice is that of being emptied of self-will, self-interest and self-seeking. Our perseverance is that which enables us to carry on in the face of obstacles or opposition or obstruction. Our suffering is that which we experience in disillusionment, discouragement and the disinterest of others.

Commitment to God's service leads us to great reward, satisfaction and inner blessing. Our great reward is God Himself. Our satisfaction is knowing He is with us and in us. Our inner blessing is His perfect peace that passes all understanding.

Commitment to God's service means no compromise, no turning back, no holding to earthly things. It is a dedication of our minds, our hearts and our innermost beings. It means our pressing onward and upward to our heavenly goal. It requires dedication of everything we possess, tangible and intangible, to His cause and glory.

Can we believers honestly say, "The zeal of God has consumed me"? Have we really left all to follow our Lord? Has His divine call truly burned within our hearts?

Let us press onward toward the prize of the high calling of service to the Holy King of kings and Lord of lords!

by DAVID ORMEROD

A riddle:-

Adam God made out of dust, but thought it best to make me first.
So I was made before man, to answer God's most holy plan.
A living being I became, and Adam gave to me my name.
I from his presence then withdrew, and more of Adam never knew.
I did my Maker's law obey, nor ever went from it astray.
Thousands of miles I go in fear, but seldom do on earth appear.
For purpose wise which God did see, He put a living soul in me.
A soul from me God did claim, and took from me the soul again.
So when from me the soul had fled, I was the same as when I first was made.
And without hand, or feet, or soul I travel on from pole to pole.
I labour hard by day, by night to fallen man I give great light.
Thousands of people, young and old, will by my death great light behold.
No right or wrong can I conceive, The Scripture I cannot believe.
Although my name therein is found, they are to me an empty sound.
No fear of death doth trouble me, real happiness I'll never see.
To heaven I shall never go, or to hell below.
Now when these lines you slowly read, go search your Bible with all speed.
For that my name is written there, I do honestly to you declare.

Can you guess my identity?

This riddle does have an answer. There is a word,
appearing four times in the King James Version of
the Bible which fulfills all of the given clues.

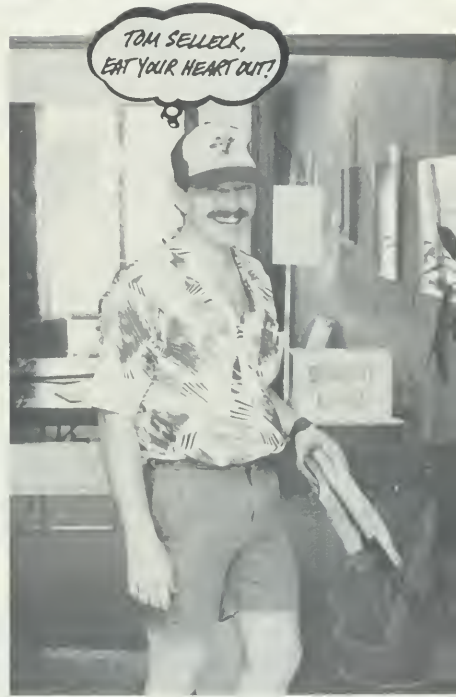
(Answer on page 89)



SEMantics

WHO CALLED
THIS MEETING?





There's a game you play
With a net and a ball
And a team of six girls
Who don't have to be tall.

So we played this game.
Played it in the fall.
We had lots of fun.
They call it volleyball.

And as we recall -- Lynne
With her large forboding grin,
Who would hit and then hit
And then hit it again.



Of course, there was Cheryl,
Who proved a true peril.
For the other team,
Her serve would bring a scream.

Pleased to have Heather
Assured she'd not tether.
As well as Debbie who'd dig,
And with agility jig.

In play and to call,
Our un-official Janet
Could spike the ball,
Across the planet.

Amy was there,
Though she'd never played
All of us were glad
That she came and stayed.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

by KAREN WILK

Karen --
Well, she tried to set.
But this was rather
An unsure bet.

Our faithful, bearded coach,
Who else but Clare?
Would stand and stare
And stare and glare.

And then, of course,
Could we forget Marilyn?
Our superstar,
And the best bumper by far.

The season is gone,
And now we're through.
The time is past
For this volleyball crew.

May next year's team
Equally enjoy this game
So that OTS women's volleyball
Might be renowned with fame.



SPORTS





OTS FOOTBALL

First question: What is balding, a little overweight, and not nearly as fast as it used to be?

Answer: The OTS Football Team!

Second question: What is gutsy, determined, highly competitive, and full of spirit?

Answer: That same OTS Football Team!

This collection of weary veterans dragged their aging bodies onto the gridiron every week this fall to confront the youthful go-getters from the Bible College. They used their terrific knowledge of the game, their fierce competitive spirit, and financial pay-offs to the referees to scrap their way to a 4-win, 1-loss, 2-tie seasonal record and a spot in the league semi-final. They were all set for the play-offs, eager to bring the championship back to the seminary, when the skies opened up with five days of torrential downpour the likes of which haven't been seen since Noah parked his boat on Mount Ararat. (It has been reported, but not confirmed, that the Bible College students were gathering each morning to pray for rain.) The result was a field that could only be described as a "quagmire." Playing in the slop, the "Semers" were unable to spring Phil "Crazy Legs" Walker on one of his 80 yard romps. When the game ended, they were wet, cold, dirty and on the short end of a 7-0 score, thereby eliminated and leaving the challenge for next year's squad to "show 'em that the old men can still play ball!"

In addition to "Crazy Legs" Walker, there was Reg "Break-a-Leg" Krock. Other regular team members included: Paul "If you can't block them hold them" Francis, Vic "Sticky Fingers" Ratzlaff, Ted "The Doctor" Proctor, Mark Graves, Calvin Russell, Andrew Doherty, Rick Hill, Wayne "Pass Me the Geritol" Burke, and Gerry "Where's My Flag?" Kraemer.

It has been rumoured that Roy "I'll show you how they do it in Dallas" Matheson has been approached to coach the team next year, so look for big things then.

by GERRY KRAEMER



A GATHERING OF SERVANTS





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Do you remember the day when a car ran aground and sank in the parking lot?

The maintenance staff faithfully harvested the potholes on the golden crescent. They harvested and harvested and the well-watered ground yielded up a bumper crop.





You can hardly notice the potholes from an altitude of 5000 feet.

PARKING LOT

discriminatory in course, in its administration, it was possible to deny equality to own upon in the danger in the of health, and at a time and place of their school, or possibly more than some time they must apply the law, as he gave it to victims of desperate new trial directed."

Road to riches filled with hidden potholes

"How many people in this room would to own it for at least three to five years. weekend, there was lots of talk about Used with the kind permission of Frank Jones (Toronto Daily Star).



NOW, WHERE DID I PARK MY CAR?



Willowdale Door

This page is dedicated to Dean Rennie, a man who has quite a ^{sense of} history.

On October 31st, as darkness descended upon Willowdale, a young radical (with stealth, of course!) proceeded to post a most momentous document on the Willowdale Door. Why, of course, it's 95 pages of his thesis.



Other important documents have been seen to be posted on the Willowdale Door.



One notices, especially in the cold of winter, that the Willowdale Door is the farthest point from anywhere on the golden crescent of the parking lot. In fact, the only thing that the Willowdale Door is guaranteed to be near is the Willowdale Door-frame.

SFR 951
Gold Chrysler
Reliant
You left your lights
on!



Developing a new course is serious business. The class of Lounge Lizards craved an alternative to hermeneutics. The real question was, "Who would be adequate to the task of teaching such an intellectual lot?"

Kevin Quast is engrossed in the textbook. Is the subject matter too complex? Will the concepts be too hard to grasp?

Who said that?

- (1) Did somebody laugh or did they just hiccup on that one?
- (2) B-I-Z-A-R-R-E!
- (3) Golly, doesn't that just hit you in the old solarplex?
- (4) Last year, somebody accused me of sequipedalian tendencies...
- (5) You are intimidating me!
- (6) ...and Lord, help us keep awake during the class...
- (7) Don't show up unless you want to perform a work of supererogation.
- (8) Paul said in I Timothy... but then again, Paul didn't write that one either.
- (9) Occasionally you meet someone who really knows his onions.

Answers

- (1) Dr. Leggett (2) Dr. Wilson (3) Dr. Rennie (4) Dr. Leggett
- (5) W. Burke in dialogue with Dr. Webster (6) M. Manocha
- (7) Dr. Leggett (8) Dr. Matheson, commenting on Higher Critics
- (9) Dr. Kelly

HERMENEUTICS

YOU ARE LORD

By Kai Mark



Almighty God in heaven I will praise Your Holy Name. Je-

-hovah, the great I AM, through the ages You're still the same.

Elohim, my Creator, You are God the only one, Most

High of the universe, You sent your Only Son.

Refrain

You are Lord in my life,

You are Lord in my life With-

With out a doubt I know

-out a doubt I know Your

Your love is real in my heart

love is real in my heart By

by Your Spirit You show that I am Yours,

Your Spirit You show that I am Yours!

Jesus, Son of God, I will praise Your Holy Name, Em-

-manuel, God with us, on the cross You took our shame, Mes-

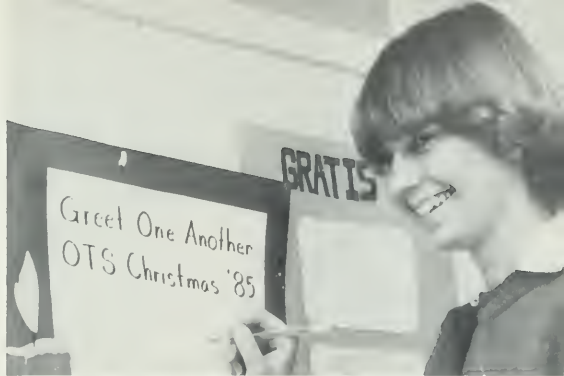
-siah, Anointed One, You broke death's gripping chain, You

sent to us Your Holy Spirit, Maranatha, You're coming again.

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CHRISTMAS BANQUET



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The Wrong Brothers, Canada's duet of unmanned flight, demonstrate Stall Aircraft (a wonderful take-off and a short hop, skip, and a jump to landing).



Undoubtedly, the social event of the Fall '85 calendar was the OTS Christmas Banquet, held on Dec. 13. In spite of the inclement weather and heavy snowfall, 95 brave souls were not deterred from attending.

It was a potluck affair, and our theme for the evening was "The Joy of Gleaning." The highlight of this soirée however, was the entertainment.

Everyone agreed it was worth driving through a blizzard to see Gord Russell mincing about in his red leotards. Also much appreciated, was the rusty humour of our inveterate Presbyterian salt -- Wayne Burke. Wayne served as in-sanity clause, the Canajan version of (or aversion to) an old European mythical character, eh?!

by JIM McLENAGHEN



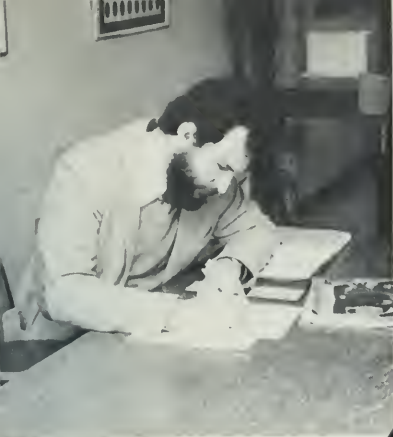
Wayne Burke...
Uncle San
wants you!!!





SEMantics





VANCOUVER TRIP

Each February, seminary students from across Canada meet together in order to participate in an ecumenical forum. In 1986, the year of Expo, it was appropriately held in Vancouver and sponsored by the Vancouver School of Theology and by Regent College. The intent was to gain exposure to ministry as it is carried out by various traditions. Each of the participants was to enter into the experience of another tradition. For me, this meant the opportunity of 'becoming' Greek Orthodox for the duration of the conference. John Mackie's exposure was to the ministry of a Nishga Anglican (i.e., of the native people).

The spectrum of traditions was well-covered and each group had a resource person from the tradition and a facilitator for guidance. From the time of the first meeting, each person was to consider himself or herself as being a member of that tradition. I was able to attend a Greek Orthodox service, to participate in their youth meeting, and to tour the church building. After four days, I could better understand the form of ministry within that tradition.

Later, each participant was involved in a general session where there was an attempt to develop all-encompassing statements on ministry. This revealed the great variance of views and the great reluctance to change.

In total, it was a very positive experience for myself. It enhanced my appreciation for the basic similarities and for the differences in ministry amongst various Christian traditions. I also had first-hand exposure to ecumenism and was able to assess what are its strong and weak points.

Both for John Mackie and myself, I want to express appreciation to the OTS community for the opportunity of representing you at the conference.

by AUSTIN SCALES





On Tuesday, February 11th, classes were cancelled for a good reason. It was to be the first Missions Emphasis Day. Dr. Harold Burchett, pastor of High Park Baptist Church and adjunct faculty member at OTS, spoke on the theme: **On Being World Christians.** Representatives of the Association of Church Mission Committees and of a number of mission boards and agencies were also in attendance for the benefit of students who would gain more specific information.



WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS



INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

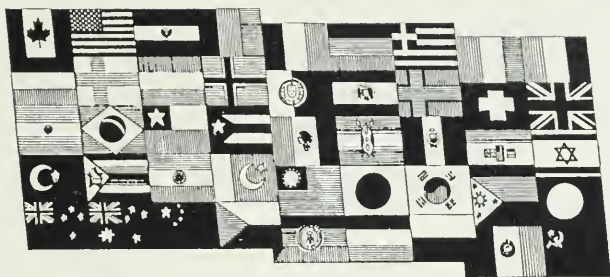


March 5, 1986

Recognizing
the diversity of
our backgrounds

Celebrating
the unity of
our relationship in Christ

Anticipating
the festivity of
our presence at the wedding of
the Lamb



ENCOURAGEMENT AND THANKFULNESS FROM STUDENT PRESIDENT

But the goal of our instruction is love
from a pure heart, and a good con-
science, and a sincere faith.

I Timothy 1v5

Wow, such clarity of purpose! In the business of research and writing, quick quizzes and major tests, friendships, activities, family, and ministry, at times we can too easily forget our "higher calling." Yet the Spirit continues to work in the midst of this labor; shaping character, illuminating minds, and giving life direction.

Personally I have found it exciting to be part of such a diversified student body! The denominational, cultural, and vocational mix can stretch us in broadening our perspectives as "world Christians," and in deepening our appreciation for the complexity of God's work in our world today.

In expressing a heartfelt appreciation for the challenging instruction, the personal integrity, and the availability of the faculty, I am assuredly reflecting the gratitude of all the students here at the seminary. Of course we could not survive without the diligent work and cheerful encouragement of our secretaries -- Linda, Charlene, and Mary -- a special thanks to you all!!

Capable and willing leadership has been given by many students in the areas which make up student life: chapels, prayer days, music, mission, sports, social activities, gratis, and yearbook. We all greatly appreciate the effort you have put in. Thanks a million!!

It has been an interesting privilege for me to be president of the student body this year. I have come to value the interactions with student and faculty, as well as the perspective gained, in this role. The student council members have greatly contributed to many things throughout the year, and I would like to thank John Mackie, vice-president, for being and energetic and pragmatic helper; Tau Choy, treasurer, for his thoughtful involvement and faithfulness; and Amy Chow, secretary, for all of her efforts and hard work (especially for the retreat!).

The year began with the theme Servants of the Holy, and it is my desire and prayer that we keep in mind this God-centred, community-based purpose as we walk in the various pathways God has in store for us.

by RON WYSE





The Council Executive

Ron Wyse (President)

John Mackie (Vice-President)

Amy Chow (Secretary)

Tau Choy (Treasurer)



STUDENT COUNCIL



DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE



The Committee

Kirby Smart (leader)
John Neposlan, Ruth Ullström
Gina Hsu, Jennifer Jessup

We consider the Devotional Committee to be essential to the heart-life of the Seminary. We have tried to strengthen and lead the student body in the praise and worship of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We have also tried to encourage each individual to constant prayer and meditation. Our goal has been to see that Christ might be glorified by everyone at the Seminary.

This year, the Devotional Committee was committed to helping the student body "become like Jesus," thereby being worthy of our theme "Servants of the Holy."

During the student chapels throughout the year, we rejoiced together. Following worship we studied and meditated upon the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12 as different students brought the messages.

This year was for me a time of personal reflection and inward searching. As Devotional Committee chairman, I am thankful for the growth in maturity that I experienced among so many loving and compassionate brothers and sisters here at OTS.

by KIRBY SMART

STUDENT TESTIMONY

My university training and work experience has been in the business field as an accountant. The mentality that reigns in the corporate world is really a paradigm of society's. The pursuit of power, prestige and material things is thought of as the road to success and happiness. However, because man is a spiritual being created in the image of God, these means to fulfillment are mere counterfeits and are inadequate to meet the deep spiritual needs of man. Before I became a Christian I was disillusioned with many things in life and sensed a real emptiness in my inmost being.

When I became a Christian two years ago, Jesus came into my heart by His Spirit and gave me a contentment that could not be given to me by anything else in this world. The Bible teaches that it is only through a living relationship with God through Christ that man can truly be what God intended him to be.

My joy and happiness is most complete when I am closely walking with God and serving Him by reaching out to other people with His love. Jesus said: "Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it." It is in losing our life for Jesus's sake that we can experience the maximum fulfillment that this life has to offer.

by JOHN NEPOSAN





The Committee

Gordon Bjorgan, Kai Mark
Heather Blair (leader),
Sarah Tay, Mark Gedcke
John Budge



MUSIC COMMITTEE

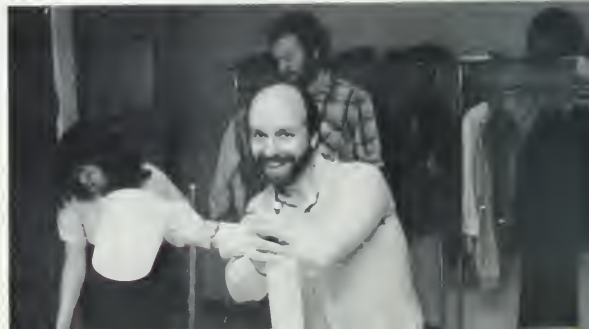




GRATIS WORKERS

At a Student Council meeting, Milton Fraser was expressing concern (as the one in charge of gratis) that the plants in the Seminary were dying. Ron Wyse responded to the situation by asking, "Do you need money?"

"No," answered Milton, "Just water!"



MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At the beginning of the school year, a group of World Christians were convinced that our seminary has a very important role to play in missions. Not only that it is a training centre for future missionaries, it is also one for pastors and teachers who in turn are going to change the church's view on missions.

In order to stimulate interest in missions, the committee decided to try some new ideas instead of the usual Friday Missions Chapels.

Prayer meetings were held every week in the Fall semester so that students could reach out directly through prayer. The committee was also in charge of leading the students to pray, in the two "Days of Prayer," for missionaries who have graduated from the school.

One non-trivial question on missions, and information on one unreached people group, were put in the Sem News each week to increase the awareness of missions.

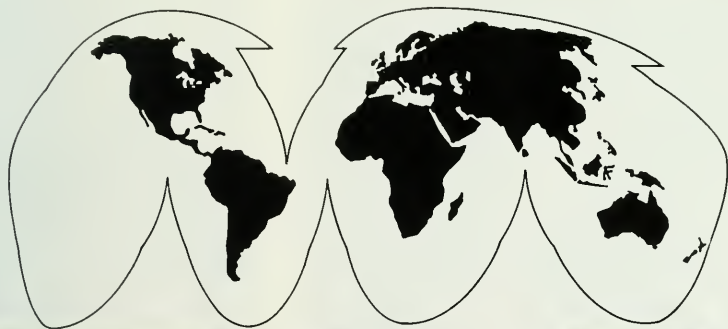
Three panel discussions on "Close Encounters of the E-3 Kind," "How Do I Get From Here to There," and "Missionary Children Education" were held to increase students' knowledge of missions.

One of the most important activities was the World Missions Conference held in February. The main speaker was Dr. Harold Burchett and his topic was "World Christians." The Association of Church Missions Committee was also there to introduce their ministry. We also had representatives from various mission agencies and a book table.

Other activities of the committee included a simulation game and a mission movie in the Spring semester.

The committee will continue to help the students to catch and to obey a world vision. Not many are called to be missionaries, yet we can all be involved right where we are.

by TOM LAM



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

SENSITIZORS

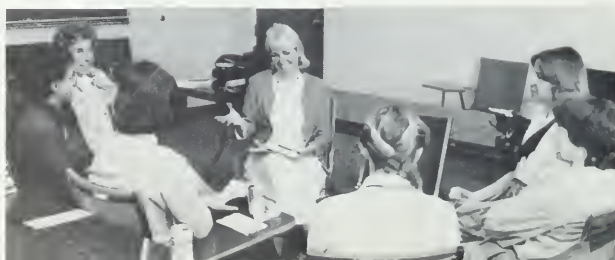


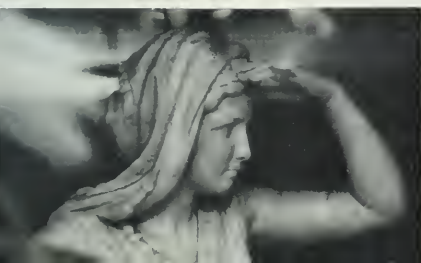
SENSITIZORS

In our world Satan's works are too often painfully present. Thank God for the grace of our Lord Jesus who came to destroy those strongholds, and gave his Church authority to continue that purifying work. The seminary's student sensitizers attempted to stir up our zeal.

A small group this year, we managed only to poll the students concerning some suggested topics for learning, and showed a Canadian World Relief film "Don't Let a Wounded Brother Die" on the Sub-Sahara famine. We were delighted a functionally identical group was organized to encourage the women on campus in the particular struggles and situations of women in a society still male-oriented.

by CLARE FULLER





WOMEN ON CAMPUS

The Women on Campus take their privilege and responsibility of being Servants of the Holy seriously. As ambassadors of Christ we want to witness for Him in as many creative, dynamic and effective ways as possible. This group enabled us together to learn more about ourselves as women; to encourage each other to develop our gifts; to be motivated to act on what we know to be true; to gain a deeper understanding of that truth; and to care for one another as we minister.

Jesus teaches that as we are grafted to Him we will grow out from Him and bear much fruit. Many women have done just that from Priscilla and Phoebe in Paul's time to Florence Nightingale, from the women behind the anti-slavery and temperance movements to Mother Teresa, Corrie ten Boom and Rebecca Pippert! There are many others who have served faithfully and diligently in local churches and on the mission field for years and years. There are others who have not.

How do we see ourselves in this great servanthood history? The women's issue is coming to the forefront in many church circles today. The question we must ask is how can God be most glorified? How can due praise be raised to His name and how can His ministry, the ministry of the church be best fulfilled through both men and women in the eighties? Many see this as an opportunity for mighty spiritual renewal, for richer service and greater freedom in Christ: light, life, shining stars! (Phil. 2)--The possibility of women of all ages and in all places truly ministering with their whole selves in the church and in the world.

As Servants of the Holy, women will need and will need to give support, inspiration and direction. The women at OTS with the encouragement of others, will continue to endeavour to meet these needs for each other and for the enrichment of the whole body to the glory of the King.

by KAREN WILK

WOMEN ON CAMPUS



The big word for the day is "lugubrious."
"Lugubrious" is:-

- (a) the name of the ferry to P.E.I.,
- (b) a disease that attacks potatoes, or
- (c) the feeling one gets when traversing
the parking lot?



Mark couldn't finish the tale of Carl the
Cornflake because it was a serial.

The incoming president, Craig Smith,
receives a gift of parking lot survival
gear, a 'floater' and rubber boots.





We are the Masters of Divinity
And right good Masters too.
We have Hebarew and Greek,
We've been taught how to speak,
With expository hue.
We can parse any verb,
Of which you've never heard,
And we've never heard of too!!

Our professors have been tops,
Or so we have been taught,
So we say so gratefully.
When we are out of here,
We will never, never fear,
Any congregation mutiny.
What, never? No, never.
What, never? Well, hardly ever.
Hardly ever fear a mutiny.
So... give three cheers and another three,
For the hearty Masters of Divinity.
So give three cheers and another three,
For... the Masters of Divinity.

We are exegetes in theology,
And we're into missions too.
We can counsel, we can sing,
We can do most anything,
When we can't, we'll fake, it's true.
If you think we're running out,
Of the things we've learned about,
We've got a surprise for you...

Of geschichtes we can spout,
Till our brains are coming out,
Paradigms, pericopes too.
When we are at our work,
We will never, never shirk,
In anything we have to do.
What, never? No, never.
What, never? Well, hardly ever.
In anything we have to do.
So... give three cheers and another three,
For the hearty Masters of Divinity.
So give three cheers and another three,
For... the Masters of Divinity.

Beginnings of a comic opera by G & S (Graves & Schut)
(Tune from H.M.S. Pinafore, by the other G & S)

GRAD BANQUET



GRAD BANQUET



DOGS

(howled to the tune of the theme song from Cats)

Midnight and the parking lot's empty;
Are we losing our memory
As we stand here alone?
In the silence, the dust starts to collect at our feet
And the wind begins to moan.

Memories...all alone in the moonlight;
Christmas banquets are history,
Life was beautiful then.
We remember the night Wayne Burke played Santa Claus:
Let those memories live again.

Daylight, time for counselling issues;
Austin Scales was still wondering
How Jay Adams applies...
Could he be empathetic and nouthetic as well
As he counselled back in old P.E.I.?

Wednesday and it's Women on Campus;
They discuss at their meetings
Female Issues again...
Liz Dobson shares insights from her preaching class
As she sat there with 70 men.

Morning...we were sleeping in chapel;
Kirby Smart was expounding
The beatitudes then.
Now he's married, with 17 red-headed kids
And they counted on no more than ten.

Memories...in the lounge drinking coffee;
Chairs were losing their stuffing,
What a horrible mess!
Now please listen as we share how life used to be
When we studied at OTS.

(Lyrics by 'Broadway' Roy)



IT'S HARD TO KEEP
A STRAIGHT FACE



INGREDIENTS: CHICKEN BROTH, CHICKEN, WATER, ENRICHED FLOUR, CHICKEN FAT, VEGETABLE OIL, MARGARINE (CAROTENE), STARCH, SALT, WHEY POWDER, HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE OIL, MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN, CREAM, MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE, YEAST EXTRACT AND HYDROLYZED PLANT PROTEIN, CALCIUM CASEINATE, SOY PROTEIN ISOLATE AND SEASONING.

INGREDIENTS: BOUILLON DE POULET, POULET, EAU, FARINE ENRICHIÉE, GRAS DE POULET, MARGARINE D'HUILE VÉGÉTALE (CAROTÈNE), AMIDON, SEL, LACTOSÉRUM EN POUDRE, HUILE VÉGÉTALE HYDROGÉNÉE, POULET SÉPARÉ MÉCANIQUEMENT, CRÈME, GLUTAMATE MONOSODIQUE, EXTRAIT DE LEVURE ET PROTÉINES VÉGÉTALES HYDROLYSÉES, CASÉINATE DE CALCIUM, PROTÉINES DE SOYA ISOLÉES ET ASSAISONNEMENT.

DIRECTIONS: EMPTY SOUP INTO A SAUCEPAN AND STIR. ADD ONE FULL CAN OF WATER, A LITTLE AT A TIME, STIRRING CONSTANTLY. HEAT TO BOILING, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY. FOR EXTRA RICHNESS FOLLOW THE ABOVE DIRECTIONS, USING HALF MILK AND HALF WATER. REFRIGERATE UNUSED PORTIONS PROMPTLY. MODE D'EMPLOI: VIDEZ LA BOÎTE DANS UNE CASSEROLE ET REMUEZ. AJOUTEZ UNE PLEINE BOÎTE D'EAU, EN TEMPS. SI VOUS DESIREZ UNE SOUPE PLUS VELOUTÉE, SUIVEZ LE MODE DE PRÉPARATION. MAIS AJOUTEZ MOITIÉ LAIT MOITIÉ EAU. METTEZ RAPIDEMENT AU REFRIGÉRATEUR. UTILISEZ.

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Recipe No. 98

APRICOT PORK

1 - 284 mL (10 oz.) can apricot hal
6 pork chops
1 - 284 mL (10 oz.) can
75 mL (1/3 c.) sour cream
25 mL (2 tsp.) chopped green oni

Drain apricots reserving 50 mL (1/4
in half. In fry pan brown chops, poi
sour cream, reserved syrup and chi
Cover, simmer 25 min or until pork
occasionally. Add apricots, cook 5 n
cooked rice. Makes 4 servings

GRAD BANQUET

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Intro Wife helps. I asked her: May 8/86

How many truly great Canadian preachers are there? Wife: One less than you think.
Wife: If you haven't stirred oil in 20 minutes, just bring it.

I We must be stirred ourselves!

How else may we stir others?

Not to stir soup is rebellion!

- imperative mood

Il. Burned soup - burned out minister.

II We must stir our people!

How? In a "saucepan."

- English word

- sauce - from latin "salsa" -

with salt.

Not emotionalism

III We must stir constantly!

Not sporadically but constantly

- in season, out of season

Bring them to a boil - Revival

Il. Stir crazy

Conclusion

Two men were stirred in a recent sermon. My wife saw them weeping as I preached. It was Dr. Matheson + Leggott!

Dan Bennett serves out
a condensed, three pint sermon.





married

Linda Leek and Jonathon Wallace

June 7, 1986

Trinity United Church
Uxbridge, Ontario

born to Luciano and Rosetta Del Monte

Michael Paul

9 lbs. 1½ oz.

April 27, 1985

born to Phil and Karen Hainaut

Nathalie Joy

7 lbs. 5 oz.

November 11, 1985

Royal Victoria Hospital, Montréal

born to Victor and Miriam Ratzlaff

Caleb William Herman

5 lbs. 15 oz.

February 6, 1986

North York General Hospital

married

Susan and André Korstanje

August 10, 1985

Grand Rapids, Michigan

married

Carol Wheeler and Steven Pellow

August 19, 1985

Worship Center

St. John's, Newfoundland



married

Jennifer Jessup and Kirby Smart

June 7, 1986

Yorkview Heights Baptist Church
North York, Ontario

MEDITATION ON MARRIAGE

In marriage, being the right person is as important as finding the right person (W.D. Gough).

Nowadays men and women are entering marriage with a great deal more caution and preparation than they used to. Kirby and I had the pleasure of attending the OBC Marriage Preparation Seminar held March 1st, so I feel we're on good ground.

Glen Taylor of the Yonge Street Mission contrasted romantic love with its dependent, affiliative, exclusive needs and its tendency to idealize the partner with enduring love. True love involves mutual trust and appreciation, respect, genuine understanding, and a lack of fault-finding.

Scott Peck goes so far as to say that romantic love approximates insanity, and that couples should get out of that stage as quickly as possible! As I reflect on my relationship with Kirby, I realize that Christ-centred love predominates, although romantic love is very much a part. This is a first for both Kirby and me, and I am truly thankful. This experience of a Christ-centred relationship gives us the conviction that God intends to do great things through our marriage.

Compared with marriage, being born is a mere episode of our career and dying a trivial incident (Dorothy Dix).

by JENNIFER SMART



SOCIAL REGISTER



born to Mark and Kathy Nelham

Julianne Victoria

9 lbs. 1 oz.

April 20, 1985

(brother, David)

Credit Valley Hospital

Mississauga, Ontario



born to Mark and Joy Graves

Andrea Joy

8 lbs. 5 oz.

January 10, 1986

York County Hospital

Newmarket, Ontario



born to Gord and Carol Patton

Sarah Elizabeth

6 lbs. 9 oz.

September 18, 1985

York Central Hospital

Richmond Hill, Ontario

born to Mike and Mary Lafleur

Chara Renéé Hadass

8 lbs. 9 oz.

June 5, 1985



born to Steve and Lyn Drudge

Darryl Stephen

8 lbs. 12 oz.

November 10, 1985

York Central Hospital
Richmond Hill, Ontario



born to Gordon and Dorothy Russell

Grace Elizabeth

8 lbs. 12½ oz.

November 17, 1985

Etobicoke General Hospital
Etobicoke, Ontario



June 1985

An alliance between the Liberals and N.D.P.
ends 42 years of P.C. rule in Ontario

An Air India flight crashes off the coast of Ireland
killing all 329 passengers and crew aboard

Steve Fonyo completes his 8,000 kilometre run across Canada

Premier René Levesque, founder-leader of the Parti Québécois,
retires from politics

July 1985

Coca Cola brings back the "real thing"
as Coke Classic

The Queen Mother visits Toronto

Live-Aid Concert, organized by Bob Gendof,
raises money for African famine relief

39 American hostages are freed after 17 days
of captivity in Lebanon

August 1985



Yin and Yang, giant pandas from China
are on exhibit at the Metro Zoo

Bruce Springsteen performs in Toronto
and donates \$33,945 to the Daily Food Bank

The Major League players' strike lasts two days

Samantha Smith, an American school girl who visited
Andropov in Russia, dies in a plane crash

September 1985

Lincoln Alexander appointed as lieutenant-governor of Ontario

"Tainted Tuna" affair

The Canadian Commercial Bank, headquartered in Edmonton,
collapses financially

An earthquake in Mexico leaves over 7,000 dead

Pete Rose breaks Ty Cobb's record with hit #4192



October 1985

Rock Hudson dies of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

The Toronto Blue Jays clinch
the American League East pennant
by beating the New York Yankees

Marc Garneau, Canada's first astronaut, spends 8 days
in space aboard the shuttle 'Challenger'



November 1985

Reagan and Gorbachev hold a Star Wars Summit in Geneva

A volcanic eruption in Columbia creates an avalanche
of mud and debris which kills 23,000 people

Jimmy Williams is named the new coach
of the Toronto Blue Jays

The B.C. Lions defeat the Hamilton Ti-Cats in the Grey Cup



December 1985

Halley's Comet makes a comeback!

Wayne Gretsky is named "Athlete of the Year"
for an unprecedented fifth time

An aircraft taking off at Gander, Newfoundland
crashes and kills 256 U.S. servicemen aboard

'Wrinkles' puppet is a Christmas gift sensation

January 1986

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, founder and pastor
of The Peoples Church of Toronto dies at age 96

'Voyager II' makes its closest approach to planet Uranus

Kermit the Frog celebrates his 30th birthday

The space shuttle 'Challenger' explodes soon after lift-off
killing all 7 crew members aboard



February 1986

The Canadian \$ drops in value against the US \$

There is a renewed 'Tylenol' scare after an American dies
of cyanide poisoning

Both Marcos and Aquino claim victory in the Philippine elections
but soon afterward, Marcos flees the country

OPEC faces severe disunity and the failure to agree
marks the beginning of lower oil prices

March 1986

"Out of Africa" wins the Oscar for picture-of-the-year
at the Academy Awards

Prince Andrew's engagement to Sarah Ferguson is announced

Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme, is killed by
an assassin's bullet

Jean Chrétien resigns from Parliament



April 1986

Increased tension between Libya and the US
results in military action off the coast of Libya
and a subsequent air strike on Libya

TASS admits that there has been a nuclear accident
at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Ukraine

Queen Elizabeth celebrates her 60th birthday

The great debate between Rabbi Roy and 'Day of the Lord' Don

May 1986



Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales
open Expo 86 in Vancouver

Bishop Desmond Tutu speaks in Toronto
during a week of anti-apartheid awareness

The Montreal Canadiens win the "All-Canadian" Stanley Cup
by defeating the Calgary Flames

The grounds of Rideau Hall, the official residence
of the Governor General is closed to the public for security reasons

GRADUATION SERVICE



ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Eighth Graduation Service

Bayview Glen Church

Saturday, May 10, 1986

Order of Service

Dan Amorim, Organist; Sarah Tay, Pianist

Prelude

Processional

Invocation Mr. Hugh Anderson, Board of Governors

Hymn 446 Ye Servants of God

President's Welcome Dr. William McRae

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 145 Mr. John Wilkinson
Incoming Professor of Youth Ministry

New Testament Scripture: Luke 4:16-21 Ron Wyse
Student Body President

Witness by Graduating Students Elizabeth Dobson, Wayne Burke

Announcements and Offering Dr. Ian Rennie

Presentation of Awards Dr. Rod Wilson

Alumni Award Rev. Wray Graham, MTS '82

Commencement Address Dr. Kenneth McMillan
Director of Church Relations, World Vision of Canada

Hymn 464 Macedonia

Presentation of Graduating Students Dr. Ian Rennie

Prayer of Dedication Dr. William Foster

Music Ministry OTS Choir

Benediction Dr. Robert Duez, OBC

Postlude



Excerpts from the Graduation Service address of Dr. Kenneth McMillen, World Vision of Canada

A questionnaire recently showed that the number one need of the Christian church today is Christian leadership.....

More men and women are being trained for Christian leadership than ever before. I don't think that there is any question they are being better trained than at any time in history..... At a time when the quality of training is the very best and the number being trained is greater than ever before, why is there a real shortage of real Christian leaders? Evidently, something more than good intentions and training is required.....

Christian leaders in Canada today face a formidable challenge. In Matthew's gospel (20v20-28), there is recorded an incident which provides us with some guidance on how we can become Christian leaders whom God can use in the challenging world in which we live!.....

Jesus explained to them [James and John] the utterly different lifestyle of the kingdom.

James and John were talking about position.

Christ was talking about self-surrender.

They were talking about power.

He was talking about servanthood.

This is the powerful message for Christian leaders.

In the Church today we tend to have the bureaucrat set over against the servant. Religious institutions are always in danger of being run by bureaucrats, not by servants.....

You have to make sure that you are a **true servant** of Christ. I have seen enough of Christian life to know what a dangerous work Christian leadership is. People can be called and yet be motivated by a desire for position and power.....

How many frustrated, broken Christian leaders there are because they fail to know that the degree of our success is directly linked with our ability to be a servant of Christ.....

The only authority that a Christian leader has is the authority which comes from being a servant.....

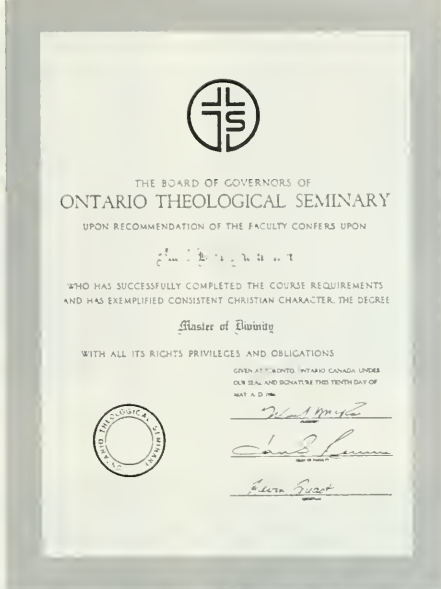
To a frightening degree today, the lifestyle of the world and the prevailing values of the world have been adopted by the Church. By His life and actions, Christ, the suffering servant, showed us the style of life that is required of His servants.....

The servant is judged, not by the number of people who serve him, but by the number of people he serves. This is servant leadership!.....

If we are to be Christian leaders as our Lord wants, it must be with Him as our close, personal friend and with the power that comes from the Holy Spirit.



**GRAD
SERVICE**



AWARDS

Yorkminster Homiletics Award

John Mackie

Evelyn and Ernest Byworth Scholarship

Scott Kearns

OTS Alumni Scholarships

Craig Smith
John Nudds

Boswell Preaching Award (greatest promise)

Wayne Saynor

Boswell Preaching Award (greatest improvement)

Kai Mark



Ex-Rabbi Henry Bregman Hebrew Award

Stephen Thomson

Canadian Bible Society Award

Sheelah Marwick

Faculty Award

Liz Dobson

James Harvey Self Bursaries

David Ormerod
Bruce Musgrave

Russell and Alice Self Fellowship

Ross Macdonald



GRADUATES

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Not that
I have already obtained
all this, or
have already been made perfect,
but I press on
to take hold of that
for which
Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers,
I do not consider myself
yet
to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do:
Forgetting what is behind
and
straining toward what is ahead,
I press on
toward the goal
to win the prize
for which
God has called me
heavenward
in Christ Jesus.

The apostle Paul
Philippians 3v12-14

also graduating,
but not shown:

John C. Budge
Carl A. Dixon
Milton A. Fraser
Gerald A. Kraemer
Janet R. Leitch
Mark W. Nelham
Marilyn E. Wadge



Charles Mien Chun Lee



Laurie Elizabeth Schut



Pamela Ruth Ullstrom



Denis Joseph Bagot



Richard K. Ball



Bruce Allen Barber



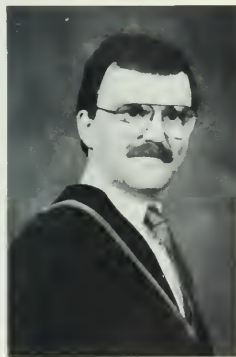
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Nancy Elaine Black



Heather Mary Blair



Michael Wayne Burke



Gordon T. Finlay

also graduating,
but not shown:

Larry Martin Cole
Thomas W. Corbett

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Robert A.A. Gatley



Richard W.J. Hamilton



Donald Emmerson Hodgins



Gina Hsu



Christina Yin-Fan Lau



Lynda Isabel Leek

also graduating,
but not shown:

Robert M. McMillen

James N. McLenaghan



Patricia Louisa Luyks



Reginald L. Rambarran



Leonard Earl Reed



Robert Allen Robotham



Carlton Bruce Ruby



Eva Sham



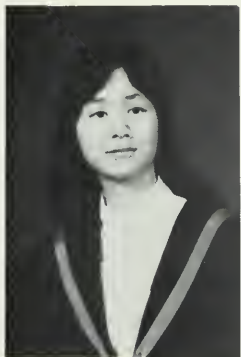
Rosablanca Suen



Alvin Wallace Winsor



Siu-Ming Simon Wong



Angelina Bik-Yuk Woo

also graduating,
but not shown:

John W. Spriggs
Charles R. Sutton
Douglas A. Thompson

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MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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MASTER OF DIVINITY



Ruth-Ellen Baker



Daniel James Bennett



Laurence Chin



Ronald Mark Graves



Wing-Hung Henry Kan



Kevin Wayne Leonard

also graduating,
but not shown:

Ross S. Beagan

Kenneth N. Brown



Pak-Hang Robert Low



Kai Daniel Mark



Haarl Bret Maukonen



Harry Gerard Niezen



Steven Bruce Pellow



Daniel Bruce Schut



Austin Alexander Scales



Timotius Siswanto



Paul Douglas Stevens



Victor Lung-Long Wong

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but not shown:

Thomas Wayne Saynor

Counselling Major



Stephen Ray Drudge



Kevin Leslie Alcox



Ronald Richard Wyse



Elizabeth Lea Dobson

Missions Major



Graham Philip Holley



Tom W.H. Lam

Hear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life for I am devoted to you.
You are my God;
save your servant who trusts in you.

Psalms 86:1, 2



There have been times when I have wondered: What on earth am I doing at OTS? At times, friends have asked me similar questions. "Why are you at seminary? Do you know what God wants you to do?" In frustration and resignation, I'd reply, "God knows."

My graduating testimony tonight is that God really does know. God knew what I needed three and a half years ago when I arrived at OTS, burnt out after ten years of nursing. Four months earlier, my church had painfully split. I was hurt, disillusioned and confused. Immersed in the biblical teaching, with new friends and practical ministry, I experienced a measure of healing and stability.

But God also knew that I had deeper lessons to learn. Through the caring involvement of a faculty member, I began to recognize that much of my behaviour was driven, overcontrolled and rigorous. I slowly discovered that I believed a lie, I believed that as a Christian, I had to be perfect. I knew I wasn't perfect. But I was trying very hard.

With that discovery began a painful and slow journey towards self-acceptance and growth. With that discovery has come a new engagement with God's truth and a new freedom to just be me. God doesn't want me without weakness; he wants me in my weakness to find and reflect his strength. Perfection doesn't win his approval. He created me and loves me just as I am. When I came to OTS, I didn't know God's purposes for me. But God did.

As I look towards the future tonight, it's a comfort and a joy to say "God knows." He knows the freedom I have yet to experience, to risk, to fail and to grow. He knows my desire to express truth in healing and loving ways to those who are hurting like I was. He alone knows what lies ahead and he will continue to lead and guide me.

Tonight I am grateful for my family and friends who loved and supported me when they often didn't know or completely understand what I was experiencing. I am grateful for the professors, who hour after hour faithfully taught me the truths of Scripture. They lived the truth for me, never pretending that they themselves weren't weak and frail. I am especially thankful for Rod Wilson who cared enough to tell me the truth and who has shared much of my journey with me.

Above all else, I am grateful tonight that God knows. He knows my past, my present and my future. He knows me, more realistically, more honestly than anyone. And in all his knowing, he loves.

by LIZ DOBSON

TESTIMONY

ALUMNI IN THE WORLD

Including those who graduated in May 1986, there is a total of 277 OTS Alumni. We want to recognize those who are serving outside of North America. Some have returned to their home countries while others have undertaken work in cross-cultural situations.



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Psalm 19v7-11

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If it is your habit to flip through a publication from back to front, then we welcome you to the pages of Sāpar. If you have read through from page one, then please allow me a final word.

Our yearbook staff has undertaken to accurately (though perhaps with some exaggeration!) and adequately record the atmosphere of the past academic year. This would be our best service to you. The theme we have emphasized in Sāpar is the theme introduced at the Fall Retreat, Servants of the Holy. As you read Sāpar now and when you review it in the years ahead, we hope that it will remind you of your year at OTS. As well, we hope that it will remind you of those persons with whom you shared the experience. But not only that. May it also remind you of your calling as a Servant of the Holy.

This publication is the third release of an OTS Yearbook, but the first to bear the name Sāpar. Sāpar is appropriate because we want to recall our year and, according to one use of this Hebrew expression, we want to declare those miracles and wonderful works which have been done by God. Is it possible for any one of us to think back upon the year without acknowledging God's gracious work in our lives and His intervention on our behalf?

As I have laboured over this edition of Sāpar, the experience has shaped my understanding of what it means to be a Servant of the Holy. Pardon the alliteration, but being an effective servant necessitates personal commitment, incurs some personal cost, and should be carried out as part of a larger community. Has this been your experience?

I want to express gratitude to Susan Gilbert, Dan Bennett, Kirby Smart, Peter Bush, Charles Lee, Wilbert Zavitz, Bruce Musgrove, Jim Sanderson, Cory Vermeer and Philip Yan. The staff of Sāpar demonstrated a co-operative and enthusiastic spirit which helped so much when progress seemed slow. "Through many dangers, toils and snares" characterizes the production of this year's Sāpar.

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We offer this for your encouragement and enjoyment as you seek to serve the One who is Holy, the only true God and our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

by BRET MAUKONEN

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